

Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



DECEMBER 24, 2025

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Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Prelude	<i>Selected Carols</i>	3:00 pm Brookwood Strings 5:00 pm Joe Smith
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Welcome to Worshippers / Invocation	3:00 pm Dr. Larry McCutcheon 5:00 pm Dr. Blake Dempsey
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Christmas Hymn	<i>Good Christian Men, Rejoice</i> Traditional German Carol	# 96
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Lighting of the Christ Candle	3:00 pm Lee Family 5:00 pm Rigney Family
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You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

Christmas Music	<i>O Holy Night</i> Words and Music by Placide Cappeau and Adolphe Adam	3:00 pm Rusty Foster
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<i>Mary, Did You Know</i> Words and Music by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene	5:00 pm Mary Ella Saueressig
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Children's Moment

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Scripture Reading & Reflection

Dr. Blake Dempsey

"The Birth of Jesus"

Luke 2:2-20

King James Version

²And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

³And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

⁵To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

⁶And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

⁷And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

¹⁰And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

¹²And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

¹⁵And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

¹⁶And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

¹⁷And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

¹⁸And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

¹⁹But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Celebration of The Lord's Supper (Communion)

(Gluten free bread is available on the tables tonight)

Carols Sung by Candlelight

*The First Nowell
Away in a Manger
What Child is This?
Silent Night*

Benediction

Dr. Blake Dempsey

Postlude

The First Noel

Arr. Wendy Stevens

Samantha Carter

*Tonight's offering, received in the foyer,
will benefit the Alabama Baptist Children's Home.*

Christmas Memorials in honor of our special loved ones

From

Judy Arnold

Nancy Austin

Pat Bray

Kathy Brown & Family

Laura & Bart Brown

Holly, Louis, & Harrison

Amy & Steven Causey

Tanner, Caroline, & Anna

Jada & Tim Christopher & Family

Elizabeth & Johnny Coleman & Family

Julia & Tim Davis

Marisa & Blake Dempsey

Coleston, Rylen, & Anna Carson

Mary Jane & Jeff Dillard

Joseph, Claudia, & Robert

Nancy & Mike English

In Loving Memory of

Hobart Arnold

Dr. J. Max Austin, Jr.

A.R. Bray, Jr.

Skip Brown

Skip Brown

Linda Causey

Bob Templeton

Lloyd Lee Christopher

Douglas Johnson

John W. Coleman, Sr.

Mary Welch Coleman

Clive Hart

Liz Chandler

Joseph Chandler

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Davis

Guy Dempsey

Gail Dillard

Bethany Smitherman Pridmore

Sheryl Gould

John Gould

Jani & George Jones

*Dr. & Mrs. Grady Cox
Mr. & Mrs. George Alvin Jones*

Karen Love

Glenn Love

Marjorie Kay Nix & Family

*Frank Nix, Marian & Jim Norris,
Frances & Brunner Nix*

Sylvia & Frank Page

*Mr. & Mrs. Charles Foster
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Page, Sr.*

Joan & Wray Pearce

Gail Livings

Nita Rayburn

H.L. Rayburn

Donna Reddinger

Jim Reddinger

Renita & Doug Rigney, Jr.

*Doug Rigney, Sr.
Milton "Bud" Stevens*

Karen & Merritt Rogers

*Mr. & Mrs. George Rogers
Mr. & Mrs. Litton Cochran
Mr. Phil Cochran*

Ginny Scott

Bill Scott

The Sharp Family

*Marybeth & Carl Smith
Shelby & Hughes Sharp*

Denise Sims

Marie & Hoyt Wills

Kathi Stafford & Dan Martin

Lester Stafford

Gail & Richard Stevens

Todd Stevens

Lisa Littlejohn & Lori & Don Sullivan

Loretta & Monty Littlejohn

Sarah & Bo Trantum

*Tom Wible
Katherine & Sam Trantum*

Ann & John Watson

Carolyn & John Watson

*Jaime & Chris Williams
Wyatt, Walker, & Bradford*

*Elliot Williams
Jim McDonald*

Jan & John Williams

*Mr. & Mrs. James W. Holbrook
Mr. & Mrs. John Q. Williams, Sr.*

Susan & Greg Womack

*Nancy & Dick Womack
Mabel & Alton Long*

Honorariums

*Laura, Bart, Holly, Louis, & Harrison Brown
In honor of Kathy Brown and Sheryl & Jim Isobe*

*Stacey, Skip, Lauren, & Lilly Gilbert and Luci & Evelyn Stephenson
In honor of Priscilla Stephenson*

*Robin & Joe Hamm
In honor of our grandchildren, Robinson, Lilly, Clara, Joseph, Mal, & William*

*Sheryl & Jim Isobe
In honor of our grandchildren, Emily & Laura Kate Howell, Holly, Louis, & Harrison Brown, Kai & Nora Wildes, and Hendrix Isobe*

*Jane Ann & Emmy Lou McLaughlin
In honor of our Nana, Ginny Scott*

Marjorie Kay Nix

In honor of my grandchildren: Mallory & Jaxon Stewart, Marian, Marlee, & Lee Turnipseed, Mary Ella & Melissa Ann Saueressig, Frank & Reid Nix and my great grandsons: Buck & Comer Stewart

Frank Page

In honor of Pastor & Mrs. Daniel Aragon, Light of the Morning Church, Cedro Galan, Nicaragua

Joan & Wray Pearce

In honor of Wray's brother, Clyde W. Pearce

Renita & Doug Rigney, Jr.

In honor of Eva Rigney & Evelyn Stevens

Hannah, Emily & John Michael Straughn

In honor of our grandparents, Mary Helen & Mike Straughn and our aunt Kelly Logan

Mary Helen & Mike Straughn

In honor of our grandchildren, Hannah, Emily, John Michael, Cate, Anne, & Jack Straughn

Janie & Charles Vianey

In honor of Paulette Arnold

Jan & John Williams

In honor of our children and grandchildren

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